

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2012-115-C - ORDER NO. 2012-288

APRIL 17, 2012

IN RE: Petition of the Office of Regulatory Staff for     ) ORDER CLARIFYING  
Adoption of FCC Mandated Changes to                    ) ORDER NO. 2012-234  
Lifeline and Link Up and for Expedited                 )  
Relief   )

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (Commission) on a request for clarification of Order No. 2012-234.

On March 29, 2012, the same day that the Commission issued Order No. 2012-234 in this Docket, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued a Public Notice stating that the FCC rules adopted in the Lifeline Reform Order implementing the \$9.25 flat rate on non-Tribal lands cannot become effective until the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approves the data collection provisions of that rule. Upon OMB approval, the FCC will publish a notice in the Federal Register announcing the effective date of the rule and providing at least 90 days notice for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETCs) to come into compliance with provisions related to the \$9.25 flat rate. Therefore, Order No. 2012-234 needs clarification accordingly.

We therefore declare that Order No. 2012-234 is hereby clarified to state that the effective date of any tariff changes that have been filed by ETCs will coincide with the effective dates of the relevant FCC-mandated programs, and that ETCs who have not filed tariff changes to reflect FCC-mandated Lifeline changes may file any necessary tariff changes at the appropriate time.

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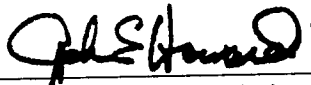
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The effective date of eligibility changes for Lifeline and the elimination of Link Up on all non-Tribal lands remains at April 2, 2012.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
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John E. Howard, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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David A. Wright, Vice Chairman  
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